**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today on the Democrat health care plan:

"House Republicans support health care reform that will lower the cost of health care for every American and in particular that will lower the cost of health insurance to small businesses, family farmers and working families. The Democrat plan for health care reform amounts to a government takeover of health care in this country, paid for with more than a trillion dollars in higher taxes and it must be opposed.

"Under the Democrat plan, according to independent analysis, you'll probably lose your health care and you might just lose your job. House Republicans have led the fight against the Democrats' plan for a government takeover of health care and we will continue to as this debate goes forward.

"But now House Republicans and a handful of Democrats are on the verge of an historic victory for American taxpayers and for the American health care economy.

"But we need your help. Americans who cherish the fundamental free market foundation of our health care economy should call their Congressman today and urge them to oppose the government takeover of health care being moved by this administration and House Democrats.

"We urge every American who cherishes the freedom and free market foundation of our health care economy to join House Republicans and a handful of Democrats in this fight to bring about reform that is billed on the fundamental free market foundation of our health care economy."